

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the section title "Cross Reference to Related Applications" with the following amended section:

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This application ~~gains~~ claims priority from provisional application 60/253,222, filed November 27, 2000 and 60/267,664 filed February 9, 2001, these applications being incorporated by reference herein.

Please also replace the heading and first paragraph of Example 1 on p. 18, lines 1-5 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 1: Protocol for Transfection of human embryonic stem cells.

DNA was introduced into human embryonic stem cells using electroporation, or transfection with Lipofectamine plus (Invitrogen Life Technologies, Gruningen, The Netherlands), with FuGENE (BoehringerMannheim Manheim, Germany) and with ExGen (Fermentas, Hanover, MD). An example protocol is provided ~~on page 25~~ below.